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1 of his epic poem, *Historia de la Nueva Mexico*; and

2 WHEREAS, the poem recounts the 1598 expedition and the
3 establishment of the first permanent European settlement in
4 what is today New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, *Historia de la Nueva Mexico* precedes Captain John
6 Smith's *General History of Virginia* by at least fourteen years;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the poem is written with passion and thousands of
9 documents available in Spain and Mexico verify its historical
10 accuracy;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Gaspar Perez De Villagra be recognized
13 for his epic poem, *Historia de la Nueva Mexico*, and for his
14 contribution to preserving the history of the early Spanish
15 settlement of New Mexico.

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